

# AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR

## WEEKLY NEWS SERVICE

### LABOR'S GOAL! To Repeal Taft-Hartley Law

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## AFL Supports Amendment to ERP Bill Banning Lease of U.S. Merchant Vessels

Washington, D. C.—The American Federation of Labor came out in support of an amendment to the House version of the Economic Recovery Program bill which would prohibit the leasing of U.S. merchant vessels to foreign nations.

Mr. Green's statement is as follows: "We strongly urge Congress to approve the amendment which would prohibit the leasing of U.S. merchant vessels to foreign nations. This is a vital step in the recovery program and in the protection of our national security."

## PANDORA'S BOX



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## Supreme Court's Rulings Hit Trust Law Violations

Washington, D. C.—The government's campaign against labor unions has been hit by a series of Supreme Court rulings which have struck down many of the laws used to suppress union activity.

## AFL Seeks Radio Access for All Groups To Express Views on Public Questions

Washington, D. C.—The American Federation of Labor urged the Federal Communications Commission to allow all groups to express their views on public questions through the radio.

## FACTS ABOUT ERP

The following highlights are from a report on the ERP bill as approved by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. The excerpts were taken from the testimony of Mr. William Green, President of the AFL.

Without specifying the total sum, the Senate committee has agreed to increase the amount of money available for the ERP bill from \$100 million to \$150 million. This is a significant increase and will help to speed up the recovery program.

## NLRB Statistical Report Shows Labor's Victories in Union Shop Election Cases

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Labor's victories in union shop election cases have been highlighted in a new statistical report issued by the National Labor Relations Board.

## Commodities Drop in New Price Break

Chicago, Prices on the nation's commodity markets have dropped sharply as a result of a new price break announced by the government.

## Auto Workers' Head Says Unions Will Fight to Protect Jobs of Older Workers

Michigan—Labor will rely upon seniority provisions in the contract to protect older workers from being replaced by younger ones, according to Walter Reuther, president of the UAW.

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What, then, says our best business leaders, is the real reason for the drop in prices? The answer is simple: it is the result of a new price break announced by the government.

## Labor Urged to Get Behind Red Cross Drive to Raise \$75 Million in March

Washington, D. C.—AFL President William Green urged labor unions to get behind the Red Cross drive to raise \$75 million in March.

## Orburn Announces Plans for Coming Union-Industries Show in Milwaukee

Washington, D. C.—All signs point to a successful union-industries show in Milwaukee, Wis., on March 15.

## Where Do You Stand?

How do you regard the Taft-Hartley Act? Are you for it or against it? Recently, Senator Robert A. Taft and other supporters of this legislation have been making speeches trying to make the public believe that the Taft-Hartley Act is opposed only by labor leaders and that the rank and file of labor union members are in favor of it.

## SHISHKIN PRESENTS RESEARCH BUREAU

New York City—Baris Shishkin, a member of the National Board of Economic Research, has presented a report on the economic situation in the United States.

## HOUSE APPROVES INCREASE WORKERS OVER 65 HIT HARDEST BY JOBLESSNESS

Washington, D. C.—The House has approved a bill to increase the number of workers over 65 who are hit hardest by joblessness.

## AFL'S PLUMBERS UNIONS 25-CENT PAY HIKE

Philadelphia—Local 600 of the AFL's Plumbers Union has won a 25-cent pay hike.

## BYRD REPORTS SHARP RISE IN FEDERAL JOBS

Washington, D. C.—Federal employment has risen sharply in February to a 2,500,000 level.

## ITU GAINS ANOTHER PAY RISE WITHOUT CONTRACT

Detroit—The AFL's International Typographical Union gained another pay raise without a contract.

## EUROPE HAS RECEIVED THIRD OF INTERIM AID

Washington, D. C.—About one-third of the goods authorized by the \$122,000,000 interim aid program have been received by Europe.

## MORE AFL UNIONS FILE AFFIDAVITS UNDER T-H LAW

Washington, D. C.—The National Labor Relations Board has received more affidavits from AFL unions under the Taft-Hartley law.

## 20-CENT HOURLY PAY RAISE WON BY AFL BLACKSMITHS

Chicago—Members of the Blacksmiths Union employed by the Chicago Public Works Department won a 20-cent hourly pay raise.

## PROWSEMENT IN UNION HAS MADE \$15,453,527 IN LAST YEAR

Washington, D. C.—A study by the House Committee on Education and Labor has shown that the amount of money raised by unions in the last year was \$15,453,527.

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